

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 141 – SB 649

March 25, 2015

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates a task force for the purpose of reviewing and proposing a process to implement e-filing of documents in the state court system and to recommend any necessary statutory revisions and any funding required to effectuate e-filing in state courts.

Creates a second task force for the purpose of reviewing and proposing any necessary statutory revisions regarding the appointment of counsel for indigent defendants.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – \$1,300/Each One-Day Meeting/E-Filing Task Force
\$1,300/Each One-Day Meeting/Indigent Defendants Task Force

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005054): Rewrites (b)(2) of the bill to clarify the selection process for the members of the task force.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The task force on e-filing will be composed of nine members consisting of three attorneys licensed in Tennessee who are not currently full-time judges; two persons who are not licensed attorneys or current circuit court clerks or clerk and masters; two state trial court judges; and two state circuit court clerks or clerk and masters.
- The task force on counsel appointments for indigent defendants will be composed of nine members consisting of three attorneys licensed in Tennessee; three persons who are not licensed attorneys; and three trial court judges.
- The provisions of the bill prohibit task force members from receiving compensation but may be reimbursed for travel expenses. Travel expenses will equal \$1,256 [(\$0.47 per mile x 297 miles roundtrip) x 9 members] for each one-day meeting of the task force on e-filing.
- Travel expenses will equal \$1,256 [(\$0.47 per mile x 297 miles roundtrip) x 9 members] for each one-day meeting of the task force on indigent defendants.

- The Administrative Office of the Courts confirms that the bill creates minimal amount of travel for the trial court judges. The bill does not impact the AOC's operations sufficiently to require any additional appropriation.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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